

10. (Amended) A calcined sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of claim 1, the calcined sheet including ceramic particles 80 wt% or more of which are spherical ceramic particles having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to less than 5 μm .

[Please add new Claims 11-12 as follows:]

--11. (New) A green sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of claim 9, wherein the spherical ceramic particles have a ratio of a major axis thereof relative to a minor axis thereof of 1 to 3.

12. (New) A calcined sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of claim 10, wherein the spherical ceramic particles have a ratio of a major axis thereof relative to a minor axis thereof of 1 to 3.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the original abstract with the attached abstract.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment amends Claims 4 and 9-10; adds new Claims 11-12; and replaces the Abstract. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for new Claims 11-12 is found in the specification at least at page 17, fourth paragraph. No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-12 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 are independent.